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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

H. F. NEWALL, Esq., M.A., F.R.S., PRESIDENT, in the Chair.

The Report of the Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts for the year 1908 was read, and is given on p. 234.

The Annual Report of the Council was partly read; see pp. 231 to 232.

The Address was delivered by the President, who gave an account of the grounds on which the Gold Medal had been awarded to Dr. Oskar Backlund for his researches on Encke's Comet. The Medal was then handed to Dr. Backlund.

Continuing his address, the President announced that the Jackson-Gwilt Gift and Bronze Medal had been awarded to Mr. P. J. Melotte for his discovery of the eighth satellite of Jupiter. The Medal and Gift were then handed to Mr. Melotte (see pp. 324 to 332).

The President then delivered a further Address, which is given on pp. 332 to 344.

The following motion which had been recommended by the Council, and of which due notice had been given to the Fellows, was put to the Meeting and carried:—

“That in the foot-note to Bye-Law 41 the word *October* be substituted for the word *July*.”

The foot-note, therefore, now stands:—

“It is at the option of the Council, at their discretion, to insert or omit, year by year, the month of October in the list of Ordinary Meetings.”

The President having appointed the Scrutineers, the Society proceeded to the ballot for Officers and Council for the ensuing year. The names of those elected are given on p. 345.

The thanks of the Meeting were given to the retiring Members of Council, and also to the Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts and to the Scrutineers of the ballot.

Samuel Ernest Loxton, Cannock, Staffordshire ;
 John Mastin, F.L.S., F.C.S., etc., Woodleigh House, Totley
 Brook, near Sheffield ;
 Philibert J. Melotte, Royal Observatory, Greenwich, S.E. ; and
 Arthur James Potts, 36 Pentland Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham,

were balloted for and duly elected Fellows of the Society.

The following candidates were proposed for election as Fellows of the Society, the names of the proposers from personal knowledge being appended :—

G. A. Hemsalech, 6 Place de la Sorbonne, Paris (proposed by
 Prof. A. Schuster) ;
 Griffith Parry Jenkins, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada (proposed
 by A. A. Rambaut) ;
 Richard Henry Norman, M.D., B.S., etc., 26 Canonbury Park
 South, N. (proposed by G. F. Hardy) ;
 Harry Edwin Wood, M.Sc., Chief Assistant, Government
 Observatory, Johannesburg, South Africa (proposed by
 R. T. A. Innes) ; and
 Julien Périquier, Ingénieur, 9 rue Gimelli, Toulon, France
 (proposed by Col. E. E. Markwick).